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TAGS: CSCE, PFOR, UK

SUBJECT: CSCE: BRITISH PAPER ON FOLLOW-UP

GENEVA FOR US DEL; VIENNA FOR MBFR DEL

REF: LONDON 16492, 16493

1. UK EMBASSY COUNSELOR WILBERFORCE CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LOWENSTEIN DECEMBER 23 TO TRANSMIT COPY OF UK PAPER ON FOLLOW-UP AND ELICIT US COMMENTS. PARALLELING PRESENTATION AT FCO DECEMBER 17 (LONDON 16492), WILBERFORCE NOTED THAT CALLAGHAN HAS LONG REGARDED DANISH PROPOSAL FOR THREE YEAR WAITING PERIOD AS TOO RESTRICTIVE, AND RECALLED UK INITIATIVE LAST MAY FOR REVIEW AMONG ALLIES OF WESTERN POSITION ON FOLLOW-UP. WILBERFORCE  
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SAID UK BELIEVES EAST-WEST DIALOGUE, WHICH HAS PRODUCED

PAY-OFF FOR WEST AT LEAST EQUAL TO THAT FOR EAST, SHOULD CONTINUE IN SOME FORM AFTER END OF CSCE. THUS UK HAS CIRCULATED ITS PAPER TO NINE IN GENEVA WITH A VIEW TO DISCUSSION "IN POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETINGS" OF NINE IN EARLY JANUARY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY NATO CONSULTATIONS TOWARD END OF NEXT MONTH.

2. LOWENSTEIN WELCOMED UK CONTRIBUTION, AND INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE CAREFULLY REVIEWED. AFTER IT WAS

NOTED THAT, IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS AT REINFORCED NAC, SOME ALLIES HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE SHIFT IN US APPROACH TO FOLLOW-UP, WILBERFORCE AGREED THAT UK PAPER WOULD LIKELY PROVOKE CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION AMONG ALLIES, SOME OF WHOM WOULD PREFER TO DEFER DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW-UP TO NEARER TO CONCLUSION OF CSCE STAGE II. WILBERFORCE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MAIN PURPOSE OF UK PAPER IN PRESENT FORM IS TO FOCUS THINKING ON TIMING FOR AND WAYS OF MOVING BEYOND DANISH PROPOSAL. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AGREED THAT UK PAPER COULD BE HELPFUL IN POINTING DIRECTION IN WHICH ALLIES MAY EVENTUALLY WISH TO MOVE, AND SAID US WILL STUDY PAPER AND PROVIDE VIEWS TO UK EARLY IN JANUARY.

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